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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR LUIS VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ THE ECUADOREAN
AMBASSADOR TO PERU AND HEAD OF THE GOE DELEGATION TO THE LOS
NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW YORK, ISSUED A LENGTHY REPORT ON THE
THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA
(MARCH 15-MAY 7) THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN ECUADOREAN NEWSPAPERS
ON MAY 11, 1976. AMBASSADOR VALANECIA STATED THERE IS WORLD
CONSENSUS ON THE EXISTENCE OF A 200-MILE COASTAL SEA ZONE OVER
WHICH COASTAL STATES HAVE AUTHORITY, BUT A DIFFERENCE OF
OPINION ON THE EXTENT OF THAT AUTHORITY. HE SAID THE
ECUADOREAN DELEGATION UPHELD THE 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA
CONCEPT THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE. HE STATED THAT THE
TERRITORIALIST GROUP HOLDS A MINORITY POSITION, AND THAT THE
PRIMARY QUESTION NOW BEFORE THE CONFERENCE IS THE EXTENT OF
JURISDICTION TO BE EXERCISED BY COASTAL STATES WITHIN THEIR
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ECONOMIC ZONES. VALENCIA ACCUSED THE GREAT POWERS OF SEEKING

LIMITED COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION SO THE GREAT POWERS CAN CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT COASTAL WATERS OF DEVELOPING STATES AND CAN MAINTAIN THE COSTLY NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BEING CURRIED ON IN COASTAL STATES' WATERS. THE REPORT ALSO CITED LAND-LOCKED STATES AND THOSE IN DISADVANTAGEOUS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO WEAKEN THE AUTHORITY OF COASTAL STATES OVER THEIR ADJACENT WATERS. CONTROVERSY WITHIN THE CONFERENCE OVER THE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH IN COASTAL WATERS AND THE MECHANISMS FOR SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES WERE MENTIONED. AMBASSADOR VALENCIA ALSO REPORTED ON THE GOE'S PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. END SUMMARY

2. QUOTE: THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA HAS JUST BEEN CLOSED, IT WAS HELD IN NEW YORK DURING MARCH 15 - MAY 7. THE NEW YORK STAGE, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 149 DELEGATIONS, WAS CHARACTERIZED BY AN ANALYSIS BY THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXTS PREPARED BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONS DURING THE STAGE OF THIS CONFERENCE HELD IN GENEVA. THE REVISION OF THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXTS WAS MADE AT INFORMAL SESSIONS AND THUS A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION WAS BEGUN IN WHICH THE DELEGATIONS WERE ABLE TO ASSESS THE EXTENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED TEXTS AND ALSO ENDEAVOR TO SEEK FORMULAS FOR COMPROMISE OR AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONFLICTING POSITIONS. THE ECUADORIAN DELEGATION PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS WORK. THE REVISION WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE THREE PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONS AFTER LISTENING TO THE COMMENTS OR REMARKS OF THE PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS. THESE NEW TEXTS, DELIVERED ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 7, WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR CONTINUATION OF WORK DURING THE NEXT STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE. LIKewise, AFTER A DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER AT PLENARY SESSIONS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A SINGLE TEXT ON THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. IT COULD BE SEEN MORE CLEARLY THAT THERE IS A WORLD CONSENSUS WITH RESPECT TO THE EXISTENCE OF AN EXTENT OF SEA OF OUT TO 200 MILES OVER WHICH THE COASTAL STATE, CAN EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS AND AUTHORITY. THERE UNCLASSIFIED

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IS ON LONGER ANY CONTROVERSY ON THIS MATTER. THE DISPUTE, WHICH BECAME APPARENT IN CARACAS AND BECAME MORE ACUTE IN GENEVA, STILL RESTS ON THE NATURE AND CONTENT OF THOSE RIGHTS, AND THIS DIVERGENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN OVERCOME. FOR ECUADOR AND THE GROUP OF TERRITORIALIST COUNTRIES, THOSE

RIGHTS ARE IDENTIFIED WITH A 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, OVER WHICH THE STATE EXERCISES ITS FULL SOVEREIGNTY. HOWEVER, ECUADOR CONTEMPLATES IN ITS LEGISLATION THE POSSIBILITY OF DETERMINING DIFFERENT AREAS OF A THE TERRITORIAL SEA WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SYSTEM OF FREE NAVIGATION OR INNOCENT TRAFFIC FOR FOREIGN VESSELS; WHILE FOR A MAJORITY OF THE CONFERENCE IT IS A MATTER OF AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC AREA, WHERE THE COASTAL STATE WOULD HAVE, IN AN AREA LOCATED OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ADJACENT TO IT, SOVEREIGN RIGHTS FOR PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION, CONSERVATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LIVING OR NON-LIVING, IN THE SEA DEPTHS, THE OCEAN FLOOR AND THE WATERS ABOVE; EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS AND JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS, INSTALLATIONS AND STRUCTURES; EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION IN RESPECT TO (1) OTHER ACTIVITIES WITH A VIEW TO ECONOMICAL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF ENERGY DERIVED FROM THE WATER IN THE AREA, SUCH AS THE PRODUCTION OF CURRENTS AND WINDS, AND (2) SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH; AND JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO PRESERVATION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF POLLUTION. THE ECUADORIAN DELEGATION, AS AT THE CONFERENCES IN CARACAS AND GENEVA, FIRMLY UPHELD THE WELL-KNOWN POSITION WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED BY A DEFENSE OF A 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. THIS ATTITUDE WAS REFLECTED IN ALL THE TOPICS CONSIDERED AT THE CONFERENCE, SO THAT THERE WAS AT ALL TIMES A UNITY OF ACTION IN THE DELEGATION'S WORK. THE TEXT AS REVISED BY THE SECOND COMMISSION, PREPARED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR ANDRES AGUILAR, AS REGARDS THE WIDTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA, ADOPTS THE POSITION PREVAILING AT THE CONFERENCE OF A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC AREA OF 188 MILES. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR AGUILAR, THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC AREA IS NEITHER THE HIGH SEA NOR THE TERRITORIAL SEA: IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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AN AREA SUI GENERIS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, AN IMPORTANT TREND, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE COASTAL STATES, WHICH ADVOCATES THE STRENGTHENING OF THE RIGHTS OF SUCH STATES OVER THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC AREA. AS A MATTER OF FACT, MANY STATES PUT IT ON RECORD THAT UNLESS THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC AREA IS ADEQUATELY STRENGTHENED, THEY WILL REVERT TO THEIR ORIGINAL RADICAL POSITIONS. THE TERRORIALIST GROUP, OF WHICH ECUADOR CONTINUES TO BE THE COORDINATOR BY VIRTUE OF ITS DESIGNATION MADE IN NEW YORK, IS NOW COMPOSED OF 22 STATES, THOSE WHICH IN BOTH LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA MAINTAIN A POSITION ACCORDING TO WHICH IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE COASTAL STATES TO DETERMINE THE WIDTH OF ITS TERRITORIAL SEA UP TO A LIMIT OF 200 MILES BEARING IN MIND THE GEOGRAPHICAL, GEOLOGICAL AND ECOLOGICAL

FACTORS OF THE REGION IN QUESTION. DURING THIS PERIOD OF SESSIONS THE GROUP WAS STRENGTHENED BY IMPORTANT ARABIAN SUPPORT. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE GROUP COULD BE FURTHER EXPANDED IF THE GREAT POWERS PERSIST IN THEIR PURPOSE OF WEAKENING THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE. THE ECUADORIAN DELEGATION WORKS INTENSELY TO COORDINATE THE WORK OF THE GROUP, WHOSE INFLUENCE IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AT THE CONFERENCE, IN SPITE OF ITS SMALL NUMBERS. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP, CALLED BY ECUADOR, WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK ON JULY 28 OF THIS YEAR. IN SPITE OF THE EFFORTS MADE, THERE ARE STILL MAJOR DISAGREEMENTS WHICH MAKE IT DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO REACH A CONSENSUS IN CON ADP910 UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GREAT POWERS--AND, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, ALSO THOSE STATES WITHOUT A SEACOAST AND OTHERS WHICH ARE IN AN UNFAVORABLE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION--CONTINUE BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURTAILING THE CONTENT OF THE RIGHTS OF THE COASTAL STATE OVER EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE, IN ORDER THAT IT MAY BE CONSIDERABLY WEAKENED. ONE MEANS OF ACHIEVING THIS PURPOSE IS TO PRETEND THAT THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE IS A PART OF THE HIGH-SEAS, THEREBY IGNORING THE CRITERION RECOGNIZED IN THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT. IN THIS WAY THE ECONOMIC ZONE WOULD CEASE TO BE EXCLUSIVE AND WOULD GIVE RISE TO A COEXISTENCE OF RIGHTS AND POWERS OF THIRD STATES ALONG WITH THE RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES. BY FOLLOWING THIS SAME POLICY, IN THE MATTER OF EXPLOITATION

OF THE SEA-DEPTHS OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL JURISDICTION, CONSIDERED
BY VIRTUE OF THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AS THE COMMON PROPERTY
OF MANKIND, THE GREAT POWERS PROPOSE THAT THE AUTHORITY TO BE ES-
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TABLISHED SHOULD BE AS WEAK AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT THE INDUS-
TRIALIZED COUNTRIES, SOLE OWNERS OF ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND TECH-
NOLOGY, MAY ENJOY AN UNCONTROLLED FREEDOM TO USE, FOR THEIR EX-
CLUSIVE BENEFIT, THE IMMENSE MINERAL RESOURCES THAT WILL BE OB-
TAINED IN THE FUTURE FROM EXPLOITATION OF THE SEA BOTTOM. TO
THIS END, THEY WISH TO DIMINISH THE POWERS OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE
ONLY BODY WHICH IS WIDELY REPRESENTATIVE AND WHICH, ACCORDING
TO THE WAY OF THINKING OF THE THIRD WORLD, SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR POLICY-MAKING AS THE ONLY ASSURANCE THAT THE DEVELOPING STATES
WILL BENEFIT FROM EXPLOITATION OF THE SEA BOTTOM, AND THERE IS
MORE. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS A MOST SERIOUS DANGER FOR MAN-
KIND IN THAT ONE OF THE GREAT POWERS MAY SHORTLY ENGAGE, ON A
UNILATERAL BASIS, IN EXPLOITATION OF THE SEA BOTTOM, WHICH WOULD
MEAN A SCANDALOUS VIOLATION OF THE MORATORIUM IMPOSED BY THE GE-
NERAL ASSEMBLY AND MAKE MOCKERY OF THE RIGHTS OF DEVELOPING PEOPLES.
THE THIRD WORLD HAS DENOUNCED THIS DANGER AND HOPES THAT
THIS GREAT POWER WILL ACT IN A TRUC SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL RES-
PONSIBILITY AND WILL AWAIT THE EXISTENCE OF THE CONVENTION.
AS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, THE DIFFICULTIE HAVE BEEN CREATED
BY THE PRESUMPTUOUS CLAIMS OF THE GREAT POWERS THEMSELVES, WHICH
DO NOT WISH TO RECOGNIZE AN EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COASTAL
STATE IN GRANTING THE REQUIRED PRIOR APPROVAL FOR OTHER STATES TO
UNDERTAKE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THOSE AREAS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO
ITS SOVEREIGNTY OR JURISDICTION. THOSE POWERS PRESUME TO HAVE TWO
TYPES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RECOGNIZED: ONE IN THE INTEREST OF
PURE SCIENCE; THE OTHER FOR APPLICATION TO THE RESOURCES.
THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT EITHER TYPE OF RESEARCH MAY
EASILY DEVIATE TOWARD EXPLOITATION OF THE RESOURCES AND MILITARIZA-
TION OF THE SEA BOTTOM AND THE HIGH SEAS, WHERE THE BIG POWERS
MAINTAIN AN UNBRIDLED ARMAMENTS-RACE OF A NUCLEAR CHARACTER. WE
CAN SEE THAT AN UNCONTROLLED FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WOULD
SERVE NO PURPOSE BUT THAT OF BENEFITING THOSE POWERS AND UTTERLY
DESPISING THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
THE ECUADORIAN DELEGATION REMINDED THAT THE SEAS SHOULD NOT
CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE THEATERS OF THIS DANTESQUE ARMAMENTS-
RACE ON WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST AVAILABLE DATA, 300 BILLION
DOLLARS ARE SPENT ANNUALLY AND IN WHICH PARTICIPATE AS MILITARY IN-
VESTIGATORS 400,000 ENGINEERS AND QUALIFIED SCIENTISTS, OR ONE-FOURTH
OF THE SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. ON THIS BASIS,
THE ECUADORIAN DELEGATION REQUESTED THAT EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION
OF THE SEA BOTTOM SHOULD BE CARRIED ON EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PUR-
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POSES, THAT IS TO SAY IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND, IN PARTICULAR, WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

IT POINTED OUT THAT IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT THE FUTURE CONVENTION SHOULD CONTAIN A GENERAL PROHIBITION ON RECOURSE TO THREATS OR THE USE OF FORCE OR OTHER HOSTILE ACTIONS OR A THREAT OF SUCH ACTIONS

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ESTABLISHMENT OF BASES, INSTALLATIONS, FORTIFICATIONS, CARRIERS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, OR OTHER TYPE OF WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY ON THE OCEAN FLOOR AND THE HIGH SEAS, SHOULD BE PROHIBITED. IN RESPONSE TO THIS DEMAND, WHICH IS THE POSITION OF THE THIRD WORLD, THE GREAT POWERS CONTINUE MAINTAINING THAT THE SEA OR OCEAN SPACES CAN BE FREELY USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, PROVIDED THAT SUCH USE IS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCHARGING THOSE OBLIGATIONS DERIVED FROM THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED

NATIONS. WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT THOSE POWERS WANT TO HAVE ALL THE SEAS AVAILABLE IN ORDER THAT THEIR POWERFUL NUCLEAR FLEETS CAN CONTINUE MAINTAINING THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY HEGEMONY THEY NOW EXERCISE. THIS IS THE REAL TRUTH.

AS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, THE ECUADORIAN DELEGATION ALSO HAD AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE. FOR THE STUDY OF THIS MATTER, ECUADOR WAS PART OF A CONTACT GROUP ESTABLISHED BY THE GROUP OF 77, AS WELL AS OF ANOTHER WORKING GROUP DESIGNATED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP. JOINTLY WITH THE DELEGATIONS OF BRAZIL, BENIN, CONGO, CAPE VERDE, DE

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DEMOCRATIC KOREA, GUATEMALA, GABON, GUINEA-BISSAU, GUINEA, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MOZAMBIQUE, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PERU, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA

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TOBAGO, AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, THE ECUADORIAN DELEGATION SENT A COMMUNICATION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, WHO HAD BEEN CHARGED BY IT

TO PREPARE A SINGLE TEXT ON THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THEIR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THIS DIFFICULT AND CONTROVERSIAL MATTER. ON THIS OCCASION, ECUADOR REITERATED THE PRINCIPLE ACCORDING TO WHICH ALL STATES ARE UNDER THE OBLIGATION TO SETTLE ANY DISPUTE ARISING WITH RESPECT TO INTERPRETATION OR APPLICATION OF THE FUTURE CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA IN CONFORMITY WITH THOSE PEACEFUL MEANS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 3 AND IN ARTICLE 33 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. ECUADOR LIKEWISE REITERATED THE RIGHT OF STATES TO CHOOSE THE PEACEFUL MEANS WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR

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SETTLING A DISPUTE THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN AMONG THEM ABOUT THE INTERPRETATION OR APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION. IT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN TWO CLEARLY DEFINED AREAS (A) AN AREA SUBJECT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OR JURISDICTION OF THE COASTAL STATE, WHERE AS A RULE, THE NATIONAL COURTS OF LAW WILL HAVE COMPETENCE, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE WILL BE APPROVED BY THE COASTAL STATE UNILATERALLY OR BY MEANS OF A CONVENTION; AND (B) ANOTHER AREA BEYOND THE FORMER, WHERE

COMPULSOR INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION MAY BE APPLIED.
ECUADOR HAS ALSO STATED THAT IT IS NOT APPROSED TO THE ESTABLI-
SHMENT OF A LAW OF THE SEA COURT, WHICH WILL EXERCISE THE PROPER COM-
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IN THE GROUP OF 77-WHICH ADOPTED THE ECUADORIAN POSITION IN ITS
ENTIRETY--A TENDENCY PREVAILED WHICH CONSIDERED THAT, AS A MATTER
OF PRINCIPLE, DISPUTES RELATING TO THE TERRITORIAL, SEA, ARCHIPELAGIC
WATERS, THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE, SHOULD
BE EXCLUDED FROM COMPULSORY GENERAL JURISDICTION. FACED BY THIS POSI-
TION OF ECUADOR, AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GENERALLY, THE GREAT
POWERS PRESUME TO HOLD HLAT ALL DISPUTES, INCLUDING THOSE ORIGINATING
IN AREAYOUNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OR JURISDICTION OF THE COASTAL STATE,
SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL COMPULSORY PROCEDUNES. THIS IS
ANOTHER DEVICE TO WHICH THOSE POWERS HAVE RECOURSE FOR PURPOSE OF
WEAKINING THE RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES OVER 200 MILES.
THERE IS ALSO A PROBLEM WHICH SHOULD BE PREVIOUSLY SOLVED TO FACI-
LITATE THOSE AGREEMENTS LEADING TO THE FINAL PREPARATION OF THE CONVE
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TUDE OF LANDLOCKED STATES AND OTHERS IN DISADVANTAGEOUS GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATIONS AND THE ATTITUDE OF COASTAL STATES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHOSE TERRITORY WOULD PASS THE TRAFFIC OF THE FORMER TO AND FROM THE SEA, OR IN WHOSE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES THE FORMER COULD EXPLOIT THE LIVING RESOURCES. IT IS NECESSARY TO REACH A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDING THAT MAY MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE LANDLOCKED STA US AND THOSE IN AN UNFAVORABLE GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION TO RECEIVE THE BENEFIT S

FROM EXPLOITATION OF THE OCEAN FLOOR AS THEY ARE ENTITLED, IN CONFORM ITY

WITH THE DECLARATION THAT THE OCEAN FLOOR IS THE COMMON PROPERTY OF MANKIND.

I MUST POINT OUT THAT ECUADOR PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. UNDER THIS SYSTEM AN INTER

ETIONAL CENTER AND A COMMON FUND WOULD BE

ESTABLISHED THROUGH WHICH THE TRANSFER OF SUCH TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY PROMOTED FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE PROPOSAL MET WITH FAVORABLE COMMENTS AND REMARKS BY A CONSIDERABLE

NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING THIS WORK AND GIVING GREATER IMPETUS TO THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THOSE OBSTACLES

THAT STILL EXIST, IT WAS DECIDED, ON THE BASIS OF A SUGGESTION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE PRIOR PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE REGIONAL

GROUPS AND THE GROUP OF 77, THAT THE NEXT STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK FROM AUGUST 2 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17 OF THIS YEAR.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE ARE VERY DIFFICULT AND CONTROVERSIAL; THE CONFLICTING INTERESTS

ARE BASIC. THERE ARE ASPECTS RELATING TO THE SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY OF THE STATES, THE UTILIZATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE SEAS AND THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND WITH THE REGULATION OF ALL OCEAN SPACES. FOR THESE REASONS THE PROGRESS MADE DURING EACH PERIOD OF SESSIONS IS VERY SLOW AND CAN NEVER BE SPECTACULAR. IT IS NOT A SIMPLE OR EASY TASK TO TRY TO REACH A CONSENSUS AMONG 149 DELEGATIONS WHOSE POSITION IS UNCLASSIFIED

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SITUATIONS ARE CONFLICTING AND EVEN CONTRADICTORY. IT IS NECESSARY THAT ALL THE DELEGATIONS BE MOVED BY A BROAD AND SINCERE SPIRIT AIMED AT SEEKING FORMULAS FOR SOLUTIONS. QUOTE HEMENWAY

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